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In re Application of: Borst et al
 For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TEMPORARILY IMMOBILIZING A LOCAL AREA OF TISSUE
 Serial No.: 09/678,203
 Filed: 10-02-2000

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